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SUBJ: VISIT OF TANZANIAN DELEGATION

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1. EIGHT MAN TANZANIAN DELEGATION LED BY CHIEF ADAM SAPI, MINISTER OF STATE IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, ARRIVED BLANTYRE NOV 14 DEPARTED NOV 17. DELEGATION RECEIVED TWICE BY PRESIDENT BANDA AND MESSAGES EXCHANGED BETWEEN BANDA AND NYERERE. OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE WAS TO STUDY MALAWI'S NEW CAPITAL SITE IN RELATIONSHIP TO TANZANIA'S DECISION MOVE CAPITAL TO DODOMA. EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY GIVEN VISIT.

2. AT GOM DINNER FOR DELEGATION MALAWI HOST, MINISTER OF STATE MUWALO, EMPHASIZED IMPROVEMENT IN MALAWI-TANZANIA RELATIONS. HE SAID "WHAT STARTED AS DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL OVERTURES HAVE NOW DEVELOPED INTO LOOKING AT EACH OTHER'S DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS SO THAT WE CAN EXCHANGE KNOWLEDGE AND LEARN FROM EACH OTHER'S MISTAKES. NOTHING CAN BE MORE LOGICAL IN OUR ATTEMPTS TO PROMOTE RELATIONS THAN TO GET DOWN TO THE GRITTY PRACTICALITIES."

ESSENCE OF COOPERATION, CONSULTATION AND DIALOGUE IS VISITS THAT PLAY TWO-WAY ROLE IN BENEFITTING BOTH PARTIES. MUWALO REFERRED

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TO UNHAPPY DETERIORATION IN RELATIONS AFTER INDEPENDENCE AND

PLEASURE AT MUTUAL INITIATIVES RESUSCITATING SPIRIT OF
COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION. HE REPORTED MALAWI MINISTERS WHO
VISIT TANZANIA FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES BROUGHT BACK
GLOWING REPORTS OF WARM AND GENUINE FRIENDLINESS FROM TANZANIAN
COUNTERPARTS. CHIEF SAPI SAID HE WAS SORRY THAT DURING PAST
YEARS "A DEVIL" DISTURBED PEACEFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.
HE WAS VERY GLAD THIS OBSTACLE NO LONGER EXISTED.

3. COMMENT: VISIT INCLUDING UNUSUAL TWO MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT
BANDA AND WARM PUBLIC TOASTS MARKS FURTHER STEP IN IMPROVEMENT
TANZANIA-MALAWI RELATIONS.
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